Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB 1860

Brief Description: Continuing the use of the legislature's sunset review process.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Haigh, Ryu and Fey; by request of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee Executive Committee.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Extends the termination date of the sunset review process to June 30, 2025.

Hearing Date: 2/19/13

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Legislature may schedule a program or agency to be terminated under the sunset review process. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) must conduct a review of the program or agency and provide a preliminary report to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) during the year prior to the termination date. The JLARC must submit a final report to the OFM and the Legislature.

Entities scheduled to sunset must establish performance measures and develop a data collection plan subject to review and comment by the JLARC. The Sunset Act establishes factors that must be considered by JLARC when conducting its review of the entity. If an entity is terminated under the sunset review process, it continues its existence until June 30 of the next succeeding year, in order to conclude its business.

The sunset review process is set to expire on June 30, 2015.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

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The termination date for the sunset review process is extended until June 30, 2025.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 14, 2013.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.